Improving the quality of counselling services for children

1970. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to regulate and improve the quality of counselling services for children, which are speedily mushrooming haphazardly;

(b) if so, the standards proposed to ensure uniformity in their methodologies, employment of qualified and trained professional counsellors and whether a control mechanism would be established to monitor activities of counselling units; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) to (c) Government has initiated the process of upgrading and professionalising counselling services for children in need to care and protection through training programmes of conducted by the National Institute of Social Defence. These training programmes are being conducted for functionaries working with children in both Government and Non-Government run institutions. However, no formal regulatory or control mechanism has been planned in this area.

Atrocities on SCs/STs in Rajasthan

1971. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that atrocities on SCs/STs are on the increase in the country particularly in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any case is pending against the decision of the village Panchayat of Chakwada village for imposing a fine of Rs. 51,000 on the entire dalit community of the village for a dalit youth taking bath in public ghat on 14th December, 2001; and

(d) if so, the present status of the case and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

The statistics compiled on the basis of information received from State Governments/Union Territory Administrations indicate that the number of cases registered in the country under the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities)Act, 1989, marginally declined from 30,315 cases in the year 2000 to 30,022 cases in the year 2001. In the case of State of Rajasthan also, the number of cases registered under the Act declined from 6679 cases in the year 2000 to 5915 cases in the year 2001.

(c) and (d) The matter was taken up with Government of Rajasthan, which has since apprised that in this incident, on 22.12.2001, S/Shri Babulal Bairwa and Harishankar Bairwa, residents of village Chakwada had given a written complaint in Phagi Police Station, District Jaipur Rural, mentioning therein that when on 14.12.2001 S/Shri Radhey Shayam Bairwa and Babulal Bairwa took bath in a public ghat, the persons from upper caste had a meeting and abused as well as misbehaved with them. On the basis of the complaint, a Case No. 436/01 under Section 147 of IPC and the Section 3(1) (10) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 was registered in the Police Station Phagi, District Jaipur rural. However, in the First Information report, there is no mention of imposing a fine of Rs. 51,000. The case, that was initially investigated by officers of Jaipur Rural District, was transferred to C.I.D. (Crime Branch), which, after investigation, filed charge sheets against 18 persons in the Court.

Proposal to trifurcate the Punjab Wakf Board

1972. MAULANA OBAlDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to trif urcate the Punjab Wakf Board:

(b) whether any representations have been received against the move of trifurcation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps taken to review the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) The matter is under consideration. The State Governments of Punjab Haryana and Himachal Pradesh have requested for establishment of State Wakf Boards as per the Wakf Act, 1995.